REMARKS

Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 1-8 and 10-22 remain pending in the application.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 9 has been canceled

Claims 1-22 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 over U.S. Patent No. 6,464,689 (the '689 Patent). The Examiner indicates that the terminal disclaimer submitted on November 4, 2003 based on the '689 Patent is not acceptable because the extent of the business entity's interest in the application/patent is not stated. Applicant submits a new terminal disclaimer herewith. In particular, "assignee of the whole invention" has been changed to "assignee of 100% interest in the invention" to more clearly state the present extent of the assignee's ownership interest in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b)(3).

Claims 1-22 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the pending claims of copending Application Serial Nos. 10/212,311 (the '311 Application) and 10/219,798 (the '798 Application). Terminal disclaimers based on the '311 and '798 Applications are submitted herewith.

Entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is believed to be warranted because the amendment cancels claims and/or complies with the requirements of form set forth in the previous Office Action.

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Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-8 and 0-22 is respectfully requested.

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